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SUBJECT: INDO-SOVIET BILATERAL TALKS, A SOVIET VIEW

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1. THE SOVIET POLITICAL COUNSELOR GAVE HIS BRITISH HIGH
COMMISSION COLLEAGUE A FEW TID-BITS LAST WEEKEND WHICH CONSTITUTE
AN INTERESTING ADDENDUM TO THE INDO-SOVIET BILATERAL TALKS
REPORTED IN REFTEL. ANDREI FIALKOVSKY'S REMARKS UNDERSTANDABLY
PUT THE SOVIETS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE LIGHT, BUT HE ALSO MENTIONED
SOVIET HEAVY WATER EXPORTS WHICH OUR MEA CONTACT OMITTED.

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2. WE ARE TOLD FIALKOVSKY MADE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS:

A. HEAVY WATER: THE SOVIET SIDE PRESSED THE INDIANS TO COMPLY
WITH IAEA SAFEGUARDS REQUIREMENTS ON THE IMPORTATION OF HEAVY
WATER. (PRESUMABLY FIALKOVSKY MEANT THE SOVIETS WERE URGING THE
GOI TO ENTER INTO AN APPROPRIATE TRI-LATERAL ON THE RECENT

IMPORTS OF SOVIET HEAVY WATER.) FIALKOVSKY OBSERVED THAT,
"IT IS THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE THATWANTS TO SELL ALL OF
THIS MATERIAL AND GETS US IN A FIX".

B. LAW OF THE SEA: THE SOVIET SIDE GOT NOWHERE IN THE DISCUSSION
OF THIS TOPIC. THE GOI TEAM ADVISED THE SOVITS TO RAISE IT WITH
LAW MINISTER GOKHALE WHEN THE LATTER COMES TOMOSCOW.

C. DISARMAMENT: THIS TOPIC WAS LIKEWISE DEFLECTED BY THE INDIANS.
THEY SAID THIS WAS A SUBJECT WHICH WOULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE
DICUSSED AT GENEVA.

3. SOVIET DEPUTY FONMIN AND SOUTH ASIA EXPERT FIRYUBIN WAS
A MEMBER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH ATTENDED THE FUNERAL OF
PRESIDENT AHMED ON FEBRUARY 13. WE DO NOT AS YET HAVE A READING
ON ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE HAD.
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